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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED  
EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL**

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Application Number	09/910,720
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First Named Inventor	James P. Hearn et al.
Group Art Unit	3733
Examiner Name	Anuradha Ramana
Attorney Docket No.	8932-177-999

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☒ **Previously submitted**
- i. ☒ **Consider the Reply To Final Office Action previously filed on March 24, 2006.**  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☐ **Enclosed**
- i. ☐ Reply To Final Office Action dated \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other: Petition For Extension Of Time

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**2. Miscellaneous**

- Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_
- a. ☐ months.  
(Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed

- a. ☒ **The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013 (a duplicate copy of this RCE is enclosed):**
- i. ☒ **RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e), estimated to be \$790.00**
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17, estimated to be \$\_\_\_\_\_ for a \_\_\_ month extension, the request for which is being made herewith
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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